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CSS ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The ANU School of Cybernetics (SOCY) ('the School') and the ANU Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS) ('the Centre') within the ANU College of Systems and Society ('the College') may offer a number of awards known as the CSS Access Scholarship for Postgraduate Students ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to support domestic students from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds who are commencing or continuing into an eligible postgraduate program at the Australian National University (ANU) by reducing financial barriers and improving access for students who demonstrate educational disadvantage, thereby promoting a diverse postgraduate cohort.

Funding for this Award is provided by the ANU College of Systems and Society, through its Schools (SOCY) and Centres (CPAS).

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer. The Award duration is for the program duration, or a maximum of four years, with the tuition scholarship applied towards tuition at the start of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The student is responsible for payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. All costs for books, study materials, accommodation, and other study-related expenses are the responsibility of the student.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available to a commencing or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student;
- (b) receives an offer of admission to one of the following programs:
 - Master of Science Communication
 - Master of Applied Cybernetics
 - Master of Applied Cybernetics (Advanced)
- (c) demonstrates low SES status through a statement of need, verified through home postcode using an index based on [SEIFA](#) (bottom 50th percentile).
- (d) is not enrolled, or is not eligible to enrol, in a Commonwealth Supported Place

4. APPLICATION

The application is submitted on the prescribed form. Any requirement for supporting documentation and forwarding details will be stated on the application form and/or ANU Scholarships website. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on or before the closing date published on the ANU Scholarships website.

To ensure fairness, students may only apply once.

5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made based on the verified lowest SEIFA.

Where there are more equally ranked applicants than there are Awards available, preference may be given in the following order:

1. at the time of application to the University, resides in a rural or remote area
2. attended their final years of secondary schooling in a regional or rural school as determined by the geographical classification defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – [ASGS](#)
3. identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the appropriate academic lead (SOCY: Director; CPAS: Director). The Chair will nominate two additional representatives from the School or Centre to assist with the selection process.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The Selection Committee may also vary the number of awards and/or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students (where funds allow).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A student of the Award is permitted to hold concurrent student financial awards as outlined in the ANU scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The student is expected to take up their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any request for deferral must be approved by the appropriate academic lead (SOCY: Director; CPAS: Director). Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of six months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A full-time study load, as defined in the Policy: Glossary – student policies and procedures, is required to remain eligible for this Award.

Written permission must be obtained from the appropriate academic lead (SOCY: Director; CPAS: Director) to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Academic progress rules and policies relevant to the program of study must be met to retain the Award.

If academic progress requirements are not met in any semester, a formal warning will be issued.

If academic progress requirements are not met in a subsequent semester, the Award may be suspended or ceased.

Before suspension or cessation, an opportunity will be provided to outline performance concerns and proposed remediation steps.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- (b) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2;

- (c) on the date on which the student withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a student fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a student changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a student changes the program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (g) if a student fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (h) if a student breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Student academic integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;
- (i) if it is identified that the student has breached the financial cap for student financial awards (including scholarships, grants, and bursaries), as outlined in the [University's Student financial awards policy](#);

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the appropriate academic lead (SOCY: Director; CPAS: Director) or their approved nominee may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

11. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

Selection for the Award is based on the information provided to the University. The Award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment for the Award.

12. TAXATION

Students are responsible for seeking independent taxation advice regarding individual circumstances. Students receiving Centrelink benefits should be aware that student financial awards may affect Centrelink payments. Student financial awards are generally regarded as taxable income if a student is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For more information, visit

- <https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Host/?anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST/questions#IMST/questions>
- <https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/income-from-scholarships-for-students-and-apprentices?context=43921>

13. ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the web at: <https://study.anu.edu.au/accommodation>

14. PUBLICITY

The student may be requested to participate in publicity for the Award from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Students may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the students. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU School of Cybernetics (SOCY) and the ANU Centre for the Public

Awareness of Science (CPAS) within the ANU College of Systems and Society or the ANU Marketing and Communications Division.

15. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

All enquiries regarding the Award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

School of Cybernetics and/or Centre for the Public Awareness of Science, ANU College of Systems and Society

Email:

School Manager (SOCY) Sm.cybernetics@anu.edu.au

School Manager (CPAS) manager.cpas@anu.edu.au

16. DISCLAIMER

The student of the Award is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures of the University.

The Award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These Conditions of Award should be read in conjunction with the [University's student financial awards policy](#) and the ANU scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) procedure available from the ANU website.

17. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

Policy: Student financial awards - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

Procedure: Scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

Policy: Student academic integrity - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>